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VENOM SPACE KNIGHT

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Once Eugene "Flash" Thompson got his chance to be a hero, he refused to give it up. When he lost both legs serving his country, Flash formed a symbiotic bond with a body-morphing alien parasite that enabled him to continue serving others. Later, as one of the Guardians of the Galaxy, his Klyntar symbiote was purified on its home planet and Flash was drafted to serve as an Agent of the Cosmos, answering prayers for help from across the universe. Now, Flash is swashbuckling his way across the universe as

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Working together, a Klyntar symbiote and its host can be heroes — but if one of them is unbalanced, both can sink into a downward spiral. As soon as Venom started showing new signs of instability, Tarna, Flash's Agent of the Cosmos mentor, returned to apprehend the Klyntar. But Flash and Venom's friends wouldn't let their teammate be imprisoned (or worse), and Venom escaped. Enraged and hopeless, the symbiote attacked planets he'd helped as an Agent, eventually drawing Flash to the home planet of his first host, and the site of his first massacre. If Venom's failed as a hero, he wants to convince Flash that they can be villains together.

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VENOM... WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

I'M TAKING YOU TO WHERE YOU BELONG.

I'M TAKING YOU HOME.

DAMMIT, I'M LATE.

OW! WHO THE HELL LEFT THEIR TOYS--

EUGENE?!

WHY DO YOU EVEN PLAY WITH DOLLS ANYMORE, YOU LITTLE BABY?

WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?

D-D-DADDY, I'M...I'M...

I'M SORRY.

NOT SO FAST NOW, EH, FLASH?!

KRAKK!

DAD... PLEASE... PLEASE DON'T.

I'M NOT GONNA HURT YOU.

I'M JUST GONNA KNOCK SOME **SENSE** INTO YOU, BOY.

"NO. DON'T. DON'T, YOU **COWARD.**"

WHO YOU CALLIN' COWARD...

...PARKER?

YOU, FLASH.

YOU WANNA BEAT UP SOMEONE WHO WON'T FIGHT BACK? FINE.

BUT THAT MAKES YOU A COWA--

NO. THIS ISN'T ME. NOT ANYMORE.

BUT THIS IS YOU, FLASH.

--GHGGHGGHG?!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY.

NO.

NO!

STOP!

STOP?

OF COURSE, YOU CAN STOP WHENEVER YOU WANT...

...ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

BUT YOU'RE **STILL** THIRSTY, AREN'T YOU?

GO ON, FLASH.

HAVE A **DRINK.**

NO. I'M DONE LISTENING TO YOU.

YOU HEAR ME?

I'M **DONE!**

OKAY. DEEP BREATH. YOU'RE OKAY.

YOU'RE OKAY.

JUST HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

OUT OF *HIM.*

THERE.

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?

OR AN ONCOMING TRAIN?

STAY POSITIVE.

STAY FOCUSED.

AS BAD AS IT IS IN HERE...

...IT CAN'T BE WORSE OUT THERE.

GGGHHHRRRAAAHHHH!

AHHH! UNHAND ME, FOUL BEAST!

I DON'T THINK HE'S MUCH OF A LISTENER RIGHT NOW, IQA.

IS FLASH EVEN IN THERE?

YES. FLASH IS INSIDE VENOM. TRAPPED.

AND HIS VITALS SHOW THAT HE'S UNDER ATTACK.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES HE HAVE?

NOT MUCH.

WHAT DO WE DO?

STICK TO THE PLAN.

AND HOPE WE SURVIVE.

AND FLASH?

"FLASH IS ON HIS OWN."

FLASH THOMPSON.

PRESIDENT OF MY FAN CLUB?

YOU REALLY THOUGHT YOU COULD BE ME?

THAT'S WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE DOING IN THAT GETUP?

PATHETIC.

YOU'VE *ALWAYS* BEEN PATHETIC.

NO, SPIDEY, I...I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU, THIS ISN'T REAL--

NOT REAL?

THEN YOU WON'T FEEL *THIS.*

AAAAH!

DON'T.

MAKE.

ME--

AAGH! THERE'S THE VENOM I KNOW!

WHAM!

FLASH, YOU HAVE TO FIGHT THIS-- ***AAGH!***

BAM!

GO ON. FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED, *COWARD.*

BOOOOM!

NO. YOU'RE NOT REAL. YOU'RE NOT REAL.

I'M REAL, FLASH. I'M RIGHT HERE. FIGHT THIS-- FIGHT HIM.

NO... NO...

NOOOOOO!

FLASH? FLASH, HONEY, IS THAT YOU?

FLASH, I'M SCARED.

IT'S SO DARK.

NO. NO, NOT YOU, TOO...

...MOM.

YOU SAID THE MONSTERS COULDN'T HURT ME ANYMORE, FLASH.

AAGHH!

BUT YOU'RE A MONSTER!

AND YOU ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.

I'M NOT-- IT'S HIM, NOT ME...

NOOOOO!!

WE'RE OUT OF TIME.

WE'RE TOO FAR FROM THE SHIP.

THEN THE SHIP'S GOING TO HAVE TO COME TO US

803. LOCK ON OUR COORDINATES.

THE DEVICE, IT ISN'T--

WE'RE OUT OF TIME! MOVE!

BOOOOM

STOP! STOP THIS! LEAVE HER ALONE! DON'T TOUCH HER!

STAY BACK

WHO IS HE FIGHTING?

HIMSELF

I'M SORRY, MOM.

I'M SORRY I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU.

FROM EVERYTHING.

FROM ME.

FLASH...?

TARNA, I'M IN POSITION.

K-klick

FIRE 803!

IT'S OKAY, BABY.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

I LOVE YOU, FLASH.

AND I FORGIVE YOU.

I FORGIVE YOU.

GGGRRRAAAAAAGGHHH!

I'M SORRY, OLD FRIEND.

THANK YOU ALL.

FOR SAVING ME.

AND FOR NOT KILLING VENOM.

FLASH...

WHATEVER WE DO NEXT... IT'S UP TO YOU.

VENOM NEEDS TO GO HOME.

ARE YOU SURE?

NO.

BUT THE KLYNTAR MIGHT BE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN SAVE VENOM NOW.

I'LL PLOT A COURSE.

FLASH, WHEN YOU WERE INSIDE VENOM...WHAT DID HE SHOW YOU?

DARKNESS.

BUT...I SAW SOMETHING INSIDE HIM...

EARTH.

"...A SMALL, BRIGHT SPOT. I THOUGHT MAYBE IT WAS A WAY OUT, BUT...

PHILADELPHIA. NOW.

"...WHEN I RAN TOWARD IT...

"...I COULD NEVER REACH IT."

"WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WAS?"

NO... PLEASE... STOP!

"I DON'T KNOW, TARNA.

"IT WAS LIKE...

"...SOMETHING WAS *MISSING.*"

TO BE CONTINUED!

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS *NEXT?*

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